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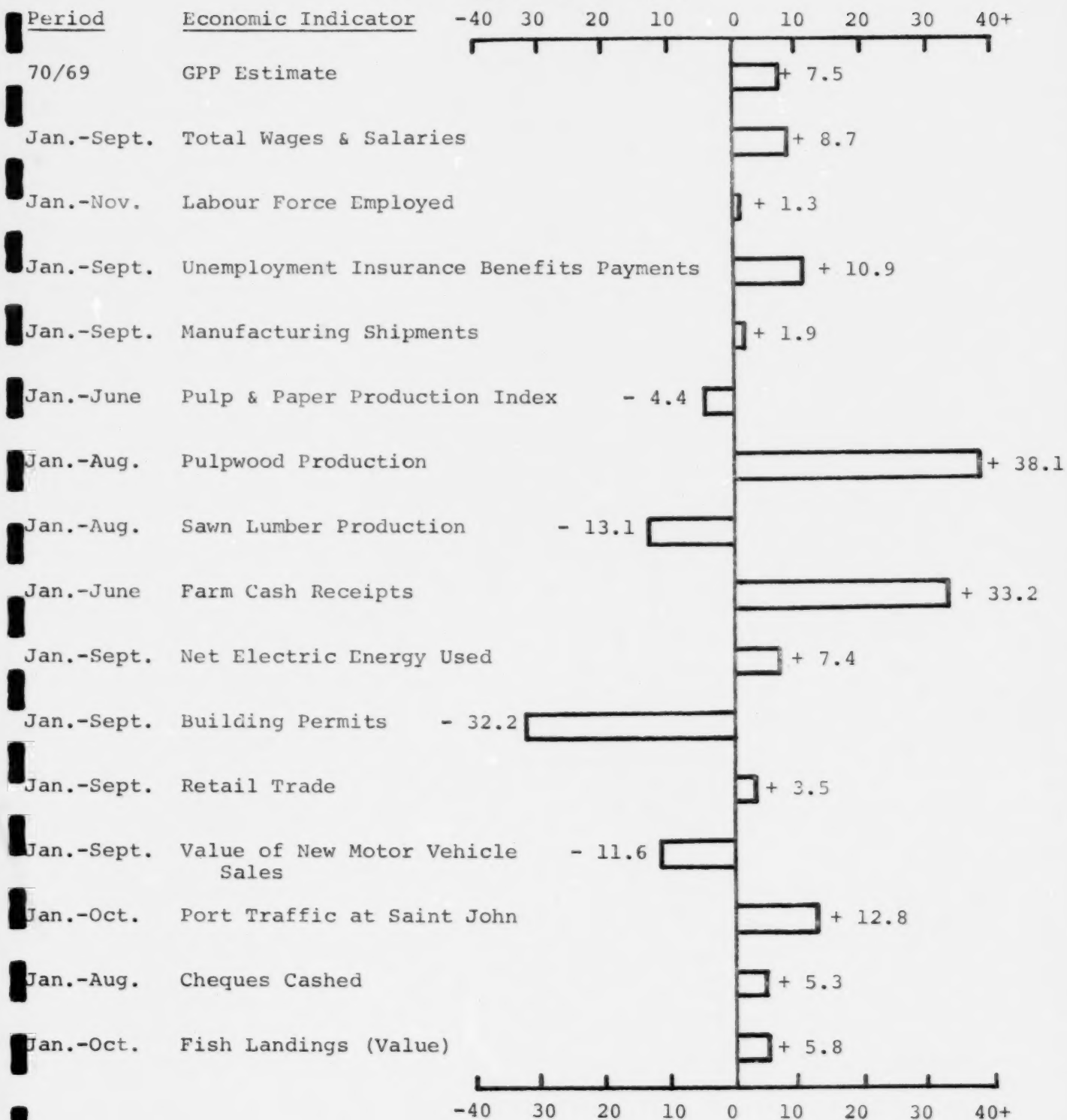
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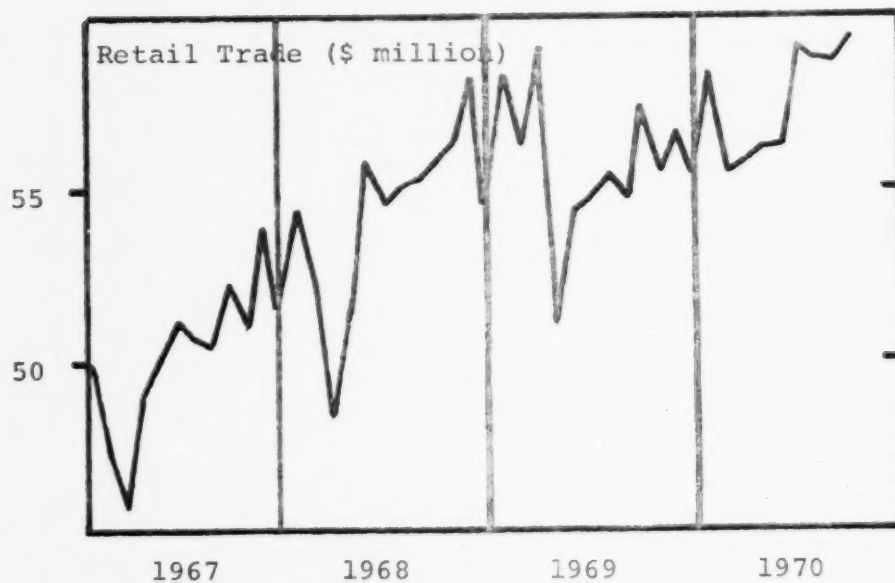
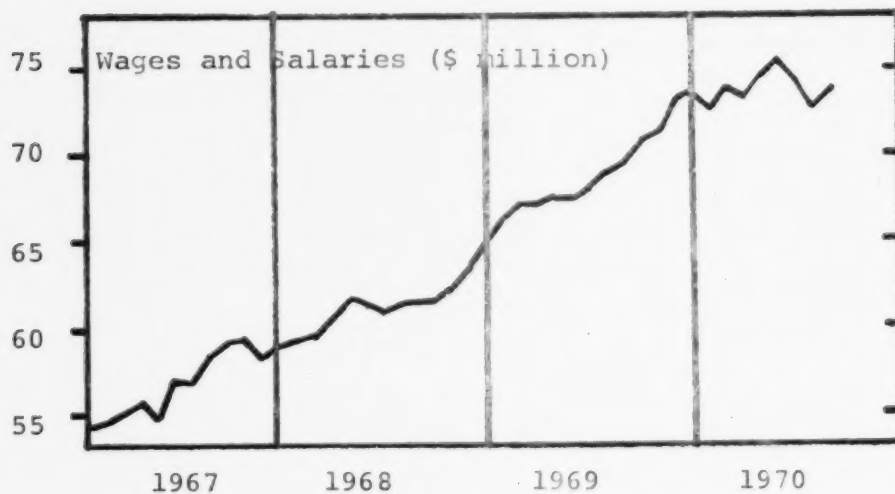
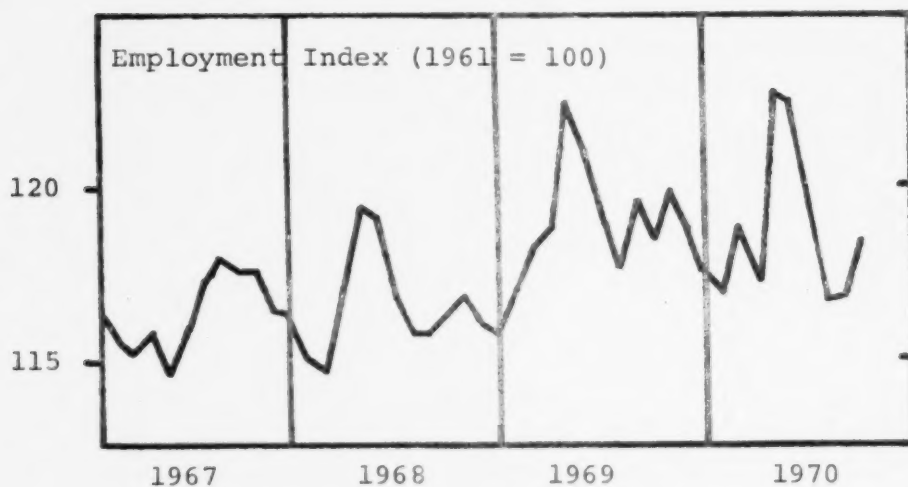
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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick

Percentage Change 70/69



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick



THE NEW BRUNSWICK ECONOMY

Based on statistics for the first three quarters of 1970, the Gross Provincial Product is expected to reach \$1,742 million, some 7.5% greater than in 1969. With prices running close to 4% higher, the growth in real terms should be about 3.5%. Economic growth in New Brunswick this year has thus been proceeding at about the same rate as in Canada generally. In both cases the gain has been less than in 1969. This moderation of growth has, of course, resulted from deliberate economic policies over the past couple of years to combat inflation. During 1970 most sectors of the Provincial economy recorded relatively modest rates of growth.

Such trends have naturally been reflected in personal income. After nine months the total of wages and salaries paid to Provincial workers was 8.7% higher than in 1969. This was less than the annual average growth rate of 11% over the previous five years. Weekly wages and salaries in industry averaged 7% above 1969 levels, while Provincial employment rose 1.2%.

With the size of the labour force growing by only 0.6% (compared to 2.6% for all of Canada) the number of unemployed persons in the Province was reported to be somewhat lower than last year (in contrast national unemployment was up some 28%). The Provincial unemployment rate averaged 7.8% over the January-November period of this year while the National rate was 5.9%. Employment growth in the Province was concentrated in the service industries. Construction employment was up by about 800, but forestry and manufacturing reported fewer workers than in 1969.

Farm cash receipts were extremely buoyant in the first half of 1970. While returns from livestock were about 10% higher, the one-third increase over 1969 in total receipts was largely due to greatly improved price levels for potatoes. These prices weakened somewhat in more recent months, but farm net income this year should be some 25% above 1969.

The value of seafish landings for the January-October period exceeded \$15 million for an increase of almost 6% above last year's record levels. The volume of the catch was down 18% due to a drop of about one-quarter in the quantity of herring landed. Smaller catches were also reported for crab, lobster and shrimp while cod, flounders, alewives, tuna and mackerel were among species with greater values. With a catch valued at over \$1.2 million tuna was restored to its 1968 position as one of the leading species after a poor season in 1969.

The output of forest products continued to exhibit mixed trends in 1970. Up to August the cut of pulpwood was 38% ahead of 1969. Pulpwood production fell that year as the pulp and paper mills reduced their stockpiles of wood. The recent opening of the Nackawic Mill plus a number of plant expansions now underway should maintain a high level of activity in the woods over the next few years. Secondary forestry activity has been weak this year. Over the first three quarters the output of the Province's pulp and paper mills remained close to 1969 levels. Sawn lumber production also sagged in 1970, reflecting the decline in house construction throughout Canada and the United States. Some Improvement should be forthcoming here as housing starts appear to be picking up and more federal funds are being made available to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

In the manufacturing sector growth in output was slow this year, primarily due to the weakness in the wood industries - sawmills and pulp and paper. The value of manufacturing shipments was up only 1.9% after nine months and employment slipped somewhat below 1969. Some improvement may be anticipated next year as several new plants are scheduled to commence production shortly.

In a mid-year survey the value of construction plans by industry and government in the Province were stated at \$294 million, 4% above spending in 1969. Housebuilding activity was at a very low level over the first half of the year with the number of starts 38% fewer than in the same period of 1969. Some improvement can be noted in the July-September quarter with the number of housing starts rising from 1,092 last year to 1,256.

The value of building permits issued throughout the Province during the first nine months was almost one-third below 1969. Weakness in such leading indicators of construction activity across Canada have resulted in new policy measures to stimulate investment in both the private and public sector. The recent federal budget provided new incentives to encourage industrial construction, enlarged the financial commitment to housing, and speeded up the government's own capital works program. In New Brunswick the 8% Social Services and Education tax was removed from building materials on December 1.

While consumer spending in the Province has not been strong this year, it has picked up somewhat from last year's increase of only 2.3%. After nine months retail sales were 3.5% above last year's value and about in line with the trend in retail prices. New motor sales were 12% lower while life insurance sales declined 5%. New Brunswick has participated with the rest of Canada in the encouraging

moderation of price trends in recent months. By August the Consumer Price Index for Saint John was running 2% ahead of 1969, compared to an average monthly increase of 4% last year.

The outlook at this time is for moderate, but improved growth in the Provincial economy in 1971 with GPP expected to increase in the order of 7.5%. Real growth should be somewhat greater than this year as price rises moderate to about 3%. Over the past few months the federal government has relaxed the degree of fiscal and monetary restraint in line with the declared objective of expanding the economy at a rate which can be supported without creating new inflation. Next year is expected to produce growth of between 7% and 8% in GNP with prices accounting for close to 3% of the gain.

Similarly, in the United States the economic effects of both fiscal and monetary policy are expected to be expansionary, but the resumption of growth will probably be slow and modest. While unemployment has reached very high levels the rate of price increases have not yet subsided to the same extent as in Canada.

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(1) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - POPULATION

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	618,000	623,000	626,000	623,000
April	619,000	624,000	626,000	623,000
June	620,000	624,000	625,000	624,000
July	621,000	625,000	626,000	625,000
October	623,000	626,000	626,000	624,000
% Change (Oct./Oct.)	(+ 1.0)	(+ 0.5)	(0.0)	(- 0.3)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - MARRIAGES
(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	184	126	343	366
February	213	222	225	251
March	240	202	179	161
April	315	320	283	319
May	421	399	291	474
June	544	691	455	456
July	863	735	746	885
August	724	877	841	577
September	712	540	943	758
October	500	499	631	592
November	386	451	431	
December	350	327	331	
Total	5,452	5,389	5,699	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 5.6	- 1.2	+ 5.8	(- 2.0)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - BIRTHS
(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	1,011	968	1,039	1,051
February	932	874	894	1,014
March	1,084	985	906	835
April	1,102	1,039	884	914
May	1,085	1,054	1,025	1,180
June	1,072	944	1,011	999
July	1,088	962	877	900
August	1,019	935	1,200	957
September	1,060	1,014	1,104	915
October	1,003	980	1,153	1,038
November	947	883	902	
December	950	969	868	
Total	12,353	11,607	11,863	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	- 2.9	- 6.0	+ 2.2	(- 2.9)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - DEATHS
(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	446	481	430	454
February	378	421	451	577
March	412	406	412	399
April	367	393	386	339
May	389	416	355	435
June	416	383	408	332
July	444	448	341	374
August	423	411	459	312
September	413	356	492	437
October	404	389	462	467
November	386	404	376	
December	416	397	400	
Total	4,894	4,905	4,972	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 2.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.4	(- 1.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	52.4	57.1	63.8	70.3
February	52.1	56.5	64.0	70.4
March	52.4	57.7	64.1	70.1
April	52.4	58.2	63.8	70.7
May	53.8	60.0	66.2	74.0
June	58.8	63.1	70.4	77.1
July	61.6	64.7	72.7	77.1
August	61.8	65.1	73.6	78.2
September	61.6	64.3	73.8	77.9
October	60.4	63.6	72.6	
November	58.7	63.6	73.3	
December	57.6	62.8	71.9	
Total	683	737	830	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 11.2	+ 7.9	+ 12.6	(+ 8.7)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.

Table 6 - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES*
(dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	84.93	90.96	96.51	103.52
February	85.71	91.04	97.71	103.15
March	86.48	91.36	97.62	102.71
April	86.28	89.40	95.99	104.14
May	83.09	87.19	93.86	101.46
June	84.43	87.65	94.97	102.31
July	83.93	87.50	96.09	103.80
August	84.23	88.21	96.80	101.90
September	86.06	89.43	97.25	103.22
October	86.59	89.56	98.20	
November	85.85	91.46	99.71	
December	85.68	91.50	98.00	
Average	85.25	89.55	96.89	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 7.6	+ 5.0	+ 8.2	(+ 6.9)

* Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 7 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	111.1	109.7	111.5	111.5
February	108.4	107.4	110.8	111.1
March	107.4	108.6	110.7	109.2
April	104.0	107.4	110.2	110.5
May	112.2	116.7	118.4	119.9
June	121.7	122.7	124.9	125.6
July	126.2	124.8	127.0	125.6
August	128.4	126.0	130.1	127.5
September	124.2	122.8	125.0	124.9
October	121.3	120.4	123.5	
November	118.4	117.8	120.5	
December	114.3	113.7	115.4	
Average	116.5	116.5	119.0	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 1.1	0.0	+ 2.1	(- 0.3)

* Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 8 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYMENTS
(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	2,114	2,775	3,256	3,469
February	2,420	3,225	3,190	3,444
March	3,120	3,022	3,310	3,571
April	3,167	2,914	3,355	4,029
May	2,243	2,248	2,724	2,758
June	681	724	885	981
July	593	481	773	951
August	480	847	858	976
September	422	678	695	936
October	510	612	664	
November	616	773	961	
December	1,021	1,483	1,436	
Total	17,387	19,782	22,107	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 7.3	+ 13.8	+ 11.8	(+ 10.9)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970
January	200	204	203	178	180	179	22	24	24	11.0	11.8	11.8
February	196	202	206	176	178	180	20	24	26	10.2	11.9	12.6
March	197	202	204	174	177	180	23	25	24	11.7	12.4	11.8
April	201	214	209	179	185	184	22	29	25	10.9	13.6	12.0
May	208	218	214	196	199	201	12	19	13	5.8	8.7	6.1
June	214	217	219	204	203	209	10	14	10	4.7	6.5	4.6
July	221	226	227	211	212	213	10	14	14	4.5	6.2	6.2
August	220	222	226	210	209	214	10	13	12	4.5	5.9	5.3
September	217	210	216	208	199	204	9	11	12	4.1	5.2	5.6
October	207	212	213	195	200	202	12	12	11	5.8	5.7	5.2
November	207	206	210	194	193	197	13	13	13	6.3	6.3	6.2
December	206	207		189	191		17	16		8.3	7.7	
Average	208	212		193	194		15	18		7.2	8.5	
% Change	+2.0	+1.9		+1.6	+0.5		+7.1	+20.0				
(Jan.-Nov.)			(+0.6)			(+1.3)			(-7.1)			

Source: D.B.S. 71-001.

Table 10 - ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY
(thousands)

	Forestry		Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells		Manufacturing		Construction		Transport., Communic. and Other Utilities	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
January	3.4	4.0	2.3	2.3	26.5	25.9	8.2	9.2	22.9	22.7
February	2.9	3.6	2.3	2.3	26.6	26.0	7.7	8.7	23.0	22.8
March	3.0	3.1	2.3	1.6	26.6	26.4	7.6	8.9	23.0	22.3
April	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4	27.9	27.4	8.1	9.3	21.3	21.2
May	5.2	5.4	2.4	2.5	31.4	30.3	10.2	10.2	20.7	21.6
June	8.7	7.1	2.5	2.5	31.4	31.1	10.5	10.8	20.7	23.3
July	8.0	7.3	2.5	2.8	35.0	30.4	10.9	11.8	20.9	22.5
August	8.7		2.6		33.3		13.1		21.4	
September	8.0		2.6		30.8		13.9		21.6	
October	7.6		2.4		28.8		13.6		21.2	
November	7.0		2.3		27.5		11.4		20.7	
December	5.5		2.2		25.4		10.1		21.8	

	Trade		Finance, Insur. & Real Estate		Community, Business & Personal Services		Public Admin. & Defence		Grand Total	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
January	25.5	26.2	4.4	4.7	40.4	44.5	11.2	12.1	144.9	151.8
February	24.4	26.4	4.5	4.7	41.4	44.7	11.1	12.1	143.9	151.7
March	24.7	25.9	4.5	4.6	41.8	45.6	10.9	12.3	144.3	150.7
April	24.9	26.5	4.5	4.7	41.9	44.5	11.4	12.3	145.1	150.8
May	25.7	27.0	4.6	4.6	43.0	45.4	12.0	12.9	155.1	160.0
June	25.5	27.6	4.6	4.7	42.5	45.6	12.3	13.4	158.6	166.1
July	25.3	27.0	4.6	4.7	41.9	45.3	13.0	13.6	162.0	165.3
August	26.6		4.7		41.3		12.8		164.4	
September	26.3		4.8		42.5		13.9		164.2	
October	27.6		4.7		43.6		12.1		161.7	
November	28.4		4.7		45.2		12.3		159.5	
December	27.8		4.7		46.7		12.0		156.2	

Sources: D.B.S. 72-008 & 72-508.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 11 - FARM CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1967	1968	1969	1970
1st Quarter	11,117	10,794	11,196	15,105
2nd Quarter	10,610	12,244	13,027	17,159
3rd Quarter	12,909	12,519	12,896	
4th Quarter	13,503	13,651	14,639	
Total	48,139	49,208	51,758	
% Change (1Q.-2Q.)	- 8.5	+ 2.2	+ 5.2	(+ 33.2)

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 12 - SOURCES OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS
(thousand dollars)

	1968	1969
Oats	247	242
Potatoes	12,307	12,833
Fruits	1,609	2,090
Vegetables	1,278	1,079
Other crops	1,922	951
TOTAL CROPS	16,363	17,195
Cattle and calves	7,413	8,096
Hogs	3,524	4,080
Sheep and lambs	216	206
Dairy products	10,894	10,809
Poultry	3,356	3,837
Eggs	4,085	4,297
Other livestock and products	521	510
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	30,009	31,835
FOREST AND MAPLE PRODUCTS	1,125	1,025

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 13 - PULPWOOD PRODUCTION-DOMESTIC USE
(thousand cunits)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	90.5	84.9	92.3	100.6
February	63.9	69.2	65.8	96.5
March	67.1	77.8	80.5	134.3
April	34.5	40.2	37.8	57.4
May	51.7	111.0	73.4	87.4
June	146.5	210.4	140.1	167.0
July	217.8	221.1	130.8	238.4
August	200.9	232.9	153.9	188.2
September	167.2	167.3	124.2	
October	107.4	140.4	184.6	
November	149.9	104.4	126.3	
December	155.5	94.8	151.6	
Total	1,452.9	1,554.4	1,361.3	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 25.5	+ 7.0	- 12.4	(+ 38.1)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 14 - COAL PRODUCTION
(thousand tons)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	78.7	70.9	74.5	65.3
February	57.2	63.5	52.3	35.4
March	76.3	61.2	50.6	33.2
April	72.1	58.4	55.4	23.7
May	64.4	63.2	45.9	33.2
June	71.4	58.5	47.7	40.2
July	67.8	69.8	59.6	4.3
August	83.6	70.3	69.8	19.9
September	70.7	60.6	80.1	30.1
October	69.2	78.8	63.7	40.1
November	65.0	68.3	54.1	
December	61.5	73.8	48.3	
Total	837.9	797.3	702.0	
Strip	716.5	715.8	650.1	
Shaft	121.1	81.3	52.0	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	- 6.7	- 4.8	- 12.0	(- 45.7)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 15 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS
(thousand pounds)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	4,640	2,939	14,702	1,707
February	12,775	11,673	4,619	4,142
March	579	18,663	2,360	1,545
April	7,334	16,356	11,191	7,857
May	20,307	43,970	42,156	31,120
June	32,309	34,762	49,216	28,894
July	79,312	64,899	108,692	22,083
August	56,368	73,770	135,732	143,339
September	52,226	98,620	80,796	84,562
October	29,769	49,573	41,230	78,614
November	28,435	27,454	35,893	
December	30,838	97,702	9,067	
Total	354,892	540,381	535,654	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 2.5	+ 52.3	- 0.9	(- 17.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 & New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 16 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS
(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	149	98	527	110
February	279	257	222	156
March	25	346	160	121
April	177	353	378	275
May	843	1,619	1,976	1,929
June	1,558	1,771	2,089	2,363
July	2,323	1,615	1,891	1,666
August	1,438	1,943	3,374	3,713
September	1,483	2,830	2,510	2,764
October	1,106	1,542	1,204	2,065
November	779	932	1,264	
December	616	2,171	745	
Total	10,776	15,477	16,340	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	- 2.0	+ 43.6	+ 5.6	(+ 5.8)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 & New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 17 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand pounds)

Species	1969	1970 (Jan.-Oct.)
Groundfish, total	59,893	64,082
Cod	15,992	18,549
Redfish	29,250	27,247
Other	14,651	18,286
Pelagic & Estuarial, total	403,896	314,148
Herring	395,644	293,401
Other	8,252	20,747
Molluscs & Crustaceans, total	24,394	23,639
Lobster	5,937	5,119
Queen Crab	14,044	10,716
Other	4,413	7,804
Viscera, total	2,510	836
Total seafish landings	490,694	402,705

Source: New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 18 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand dollars)

Species	1969	1970 (Jan.-Oct.)
Groundfish, total	2,101	2,616
Cod	665	834
Redfish	791	909
Other	645	873
Pelagic & Estuarial, total	5,318	6,309
Herring	4,461	4,025
Other	857	2,284
Molluscs & Crustaceans, total	6,723	6,172
Lobster	4,531	3,845
Queen Crab	1,271	1,057
Other	921	1,270
Viscera, total	189	65
Total seafish landings	14,331	15,162

NOTE: Discrepancies which appear in tables 15 to 18 in the total volume and value of seafish landings are due to incomplete revisions.

Source: New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 19 - GROSS VALUE OF MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS
(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	43.2	47.2	49.9	47.9
February	41.2	47.3	48.5	47.3
March	46.0	49.5	52.8	52.3
April	43.5	50.5	50.5	51.6
May	50.2	61.0	57.2	58.8
June	53.9	57.0	59.5	60.2
July	49.6	54.7	57.8	60.3
August	50.8	54.3	57.5	61.9
September	50.0	51.6	59.1	62.1
October	49.5	56.8	56.9	
November	41.1	54.5	53.9	
December	44.8	49.4	56.3	
Total	573.9	633.7	659.9	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 4.9	+ 10.4	+ 4.1	(+ 1.9)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001. (Revised 1967 on in July-August 1970 issue.)

Table 20 - PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION INDEX
(1953 = 100)

Quarter	1967	1968	1969	1970
Jan. - Mar.	187.4	183.7	216.0	193.1
Apr. - June	171.5	193.6	210.0	214.0
July - Sept.	177.3	183.5	203.7	
Oct. - Dec.	188.4	203.5	213.8	
Average	181.2	191.1	210.9	
% Change (Jan.-June)	- 1.6	+ 5.5	+ 10.4	(- 4.4)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 21 - SAWN LUMBER PRODUCTION
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	15.4	21.8	26.7	22.4
February	21.3	22.6	23.9	22.7
March	23.5	26.3	27.3	22.7
April	20.2	21.1	28.0	21.9
May	12.8	22.9	24.1	21.1
June	22.0	23.1	28.1	25.9
July	23.7	24.0	28.2	26.0
August	24.2	29.4	30.3	25.6
September	19.5	27.6	30.4	
October	20.9	28.7	30.1	
November	21.1	25.6	24.6	
December	20.4	25.5	24.1	
Total	245.0	298.6	325.8	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	- 1.1	+ 21.9	+ 9.1	(- 13.1)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 22 - NET ELECTRIC ENERGY USED
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	290	310	335	356
February	268	294	306	332
March	300	306	318	335
April	271	291	313	341
May	267	299	321	340
June	245	280	281	322
July	254	277	296	311
August	266	283	302	318
September	264	284	298	321
October	291	310	328	
November	287	317	347	
December	306	334	361	
Total	3,311	3,585	3,806	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 9.2	+ 8.3	+ 6.2	(+ 7.4)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

Table 23 - NET ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY NBEPIC FOR CONSUMPTION
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	246	267	278	306
February	226	246	256	271
March	241	253	266	282
April	227	243	246	276
May	225	242	263	282
June	202	238	247	266
July	213	223	249	265
August	229	249	249	269
September	215	237	259	
October	245	261	263	
November	239	268	273	
December	246	279	293	
Total	2,754	3,006	3,142	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 11.6	+ 9.2	+ 4.5	(+ 7.9)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 24 - LONG DISTANCE CALLS ORIGINATING IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousands)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	620	706	740	781
February	580	653	681	746
March	653	682	756	817
April	617	679	764	821
May	704	749	818	883
June	717	731	832	951
July	753	859	909	1,016
August	779	866	896	1,008
September	718	762	852	958
October	721	795	872	
November	697	766	807	
December	717	764	866	
Total	8,276	9,012	9,793	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 11.4	+ 8.9	+ 8.7	(+ 10.1)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 25 - TELEPHONES IN SERVICE
(thousands)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	185	196	207	215
February	187	197	208	215
March	187	198	208	216
April	188	199	209	216
May	188	201	211	218
June	190	202	212	218
July	191	203	212	219
August	192	203	213	220
September	194	205	214	222
October	195	206	215	223
November	195	206	215	
December	195	207	215	
Average	191	202	212	
% Change (Oct./Oct.)	+ 6.7	+ 5.8	+ 5.0	(+ 3.7)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 26 - HOUSING STARTS AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION (ALL AREAS)
(number)

Quarter	1967	1968	1969	1970
(A) <u>Starts</u>				
1st Quarter	174	172	256	228
2nd Quarter	875	932	1,483	851
3rd Quarter	952	1,152	1,092	1,256
4th Quarter	545	1,071	833	
Total	2,546	3,327	3,664	
% Change (1Q.-3Q.)	+ 0.6	+ 30.7	+ 10.1	(- 17.5)
(B) <u>Under Construction</u>				
March 31	997	1,035	1,380	1,684
June 30	1,375	1,445	2,191	1,795
September 30	1,806	1,873	2,288	2,251
December 31	1,506	1,921	1,977	
% Change (Sept./Sept.)	(+ 11.1)	(+ 3.2)	(+ 22.2)	(- 1.6)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 27 - BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	1,004	2,098	3,535	2,765
February	436	853	10,912	2,903
March	1,483	5,759	4,633	5,230
April	5,173	4,048	10,370	3,386
May	6,630	6,897	5,196	4,383
June	10,620	9,709	5,051	4,733
July	5,941	5,593	5,850	3,892
August	4,817	6,793	9,167	4,681
September	4,996	8,352	8,624	10,948
October	4,220	9,102	6,515	
November	7,622	4,518	11,062	
December	6,710	11,147	3,574	
Total	59,652	74,869	84,489	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 29.9	+ 25.5	+ 12.8	(- 32.2)

* Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 28 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	41,264	45,072	50,848	52,168
February	36,551	42,462	43,455	42,728
March	45,779	47,764	57,172	52,467
April	48,397	50,932	50,636	55,065
May	53,347	60,244	59,572	60,744
June	54,396	56,422	55,830	61,160
July	52,585	57,178	57,354	62,331
August	47,056	52,859	51,394	53,659
September	51,372	52,100	54,347	57,227
October	51,798	58,339	59,178	
November	56,485	63,272	60,352	
December	64,197	65,969	67,568	
Total	603,227	652,613	667,706	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 4.0	+ 8.2	+ 2.3	(+ 3.5)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 29 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (SAINT JOHN)
(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	109.8	113.4	116.6	122.4
February	110.1	113.6	116.3	123.2
March	110.2	113.9	117.1	123.1
April	110.6	114.3	119.3	123.5
May	110.5	114.7	119.5	123.6
June	110.9	115.2	120.3	124.1
July	111.1	115.9	121.0	123.8
August	112.1	116.3	121.6	124.0
September	111.9	116.2	121.5	123.8
October	111.9	115.7	121.1	123.4
November	111.9	116.2	121.5	
December	112.6	116.4	122.0	
Average Index	111.1	115.1	119.8	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 3.1	+ 3.6	+ 4.1	(+ 3.4)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 30 - VALUE OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES
(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>All Vehicles</u>				
January	4,484	4,575	5,267	4,177
February	3,469	5,072	7,087	4,560
March	5,961	7,530	10,211	7,816
April	6,582	7,112	8,830	7,259
May	8,437	9,895	7,404	6,962
June	7,827	9,066	7,429	8,445
July	5,265	7,576	6,351	6,411
August	5,719	5,920	5,319	5,460
September	4,328	4,729	6,530	5,854
October	5,775	8,174	7,273	
November	5,511	5,971	5,947	
December	4,882	5,477	4,432	
Total	68,240	81,097	82,080	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)		+ 18.8	+ 1.2	(- 11.6)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

Table 31 - NUMBER OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>All Vehicles</u>				
January	1,284	1,287	1,512	1,178
February	1,044	1,445	2,005	1,250
March	1,790	2,147	2,879	2,032
April	1,975	2,064	2,472	1,970
May	2,507	2,805	2,179	1,901
June	2,293	2,596	2,062	2,207
July	1,569	2,160	1,746	1,777
August	1,612	1,708	1,502	1,506
September	1,255	1,294	1,824	1,569
October	1,607	1,233	1,960	
November	1,588	1,635	1,597	
December	1,321	1,473	1,147	
Total	19,845	22,847	22,885	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 14.4	+ 15.1	+ 0.2	(- 15.4)

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Table 31 - (Continued)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>Passenger Vehicles</u>				
January	1,047	1,010	1,237	925
February	809	1,176	1,640	964
March	1,514	1,793	2,434	1,655
April	1,680	1,766	2,000	1,623
May	2,122	2,336	1,812	1,498
June	1,904	2,142	1,661	1,666
July	1,249	1,757	1,327	1,364
August	1,251	1,376	1,150	1,227
September	981	1,022	1,458	1,217
October	1,282	1,780	1,560	
November	1,299	1,329	1,271	
December	1,043	1,205	895	
Total	16,181	18,692	18,445	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 16.8	+ 15.5	- 1.3	(- 17.5)
<u>Commercial Vehicles</u>				
January	237	277	275	253
February	235	269	365	286
March	276	354	445	377
April	295	298	472	347
May	385	469	367	403
June	389	454	401	541
July	320	403	419	413
August	361	332	352	279
September	274	272	366	352
October	325	453	400	
November	289	306	326	
December	278	268	252	
Total	3,664	4,155	4,440	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 2.0	+ 13.4	+ 6.9	(- 6.1)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

Table 32 - LIFE INSURANCE SALES

(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	11.0	10.5	14.0	11.4
February	12.7	15.2	15.3	15.9
March	12.4	15.5	15.0	15.6
April	13.1	14.2	14.8	14.7
May	13.5	14.4	13.4	12.3
June	15.1	16.0	17.0	16.6
July	11.4	13.6	15.0	13.7
August	12.1	12.8	14.0	12.0
September	12.2	12.6	12.8	
October	15.0	16.4	16.6	
November	17.2	16.2	16.8	
December	14.6	14.3	17.4	
Total	160.3	171.7	182.1	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 6.4	+ 7.1	+ 6.1	(- 5.3)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 33 - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING HOUSES

(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	410.3	412.2	460.4	445.9
February	364.2	374.3	416.6	403.4
March	400.7	411.0	423.6	455.8
April	446.2	404.4	461.2	499.7
May	424.0	452.4	468.2	490.4
June	407.4	404.5	465.3	528.9
July	400.0	414.5	524.6	525.3
August	451.1	401.0	429.9	493.8
September	387.2	406.9	465.0	
October	419.9	450.8	514.6	
November	444.8	448.9	440.7	
December	381.8	452.4	580.3	
Total	4,937.6	5,033.3	5,650.4	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	+ 12.3	(+ 5.3)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION

Table 34 - RAILWAY FREIGHT LOADED AT POINTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0	1,393.4
2nd Quarter	1,239.5	1,213.5	1,331.7	1,414.5
3rd Quarter	1,147.6	1,072.0	1,129.5	1,226.5
4th Quarter	1,234.8	1,154.5	1,167.0	1,289.4
Total	4,766.1	4,764.8	4,873.2	5,323.5
% Change	+ 4.5	0.0	+ 2.3	+ 9.2

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - RAILWAY FREIGHT UNLOADED AT POINTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8	1,777.0
2nd Quarter	1,331.1	1,292.3	1,323.9	1,314.5
3rd Quarter	1,137.2	1,051.3	1,097.5	1,142.3
4th Quarter	1,271.3	1,180.7	1,169.1	1,190.9
Total	5,502.6	5,331.5	5,171.3	5,424.7
% Change	+ 1.0	- 3.1	- 3.0	+ 4.9

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 36 - TOTAL PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	813.6	681.3	738.4	656.8
February	550.3	561.7	689.2	572.9
March	828.2	738.3	762.7	825.0
April	444.1	513.4	543.6	564.6
May	386.8	376.4	411.2	536.2
June	394.3	438.0	448.5	464.4
July	367.9	384.9	461.2	483.0
August	400.7	431.2	351.0	528.7
September	316.0	246.7	392.1	617.5
October	441.1	326.2	401.6	616.9
November	458.8	476.8	617.2	
December	503.6	554.0	465.9	
Total	5,905.4	5,728.9	6,282.6	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	- 8.7	- 3.0	+ 9.7	(+ 12.8)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 37 - PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1969	1970	% Change	1969	1970	% Change
January	399.7	341.5	- 14.6	338.7	315.3	- 6.9
February	383.3	241.3	- 37.0	306.0	331.6	+ 8.4
March	306.8	407.5	+ 32.8	455.9	417.5	- 8.4
April	302.7	241.5	- 20.2	240.9	323.1	+ 34.1
May	297.6	237.7	+ 13.5	113.6	198.5	+ 74.7
June	265.6	267.1	+ 0.6	183.0	197.3	+ 7.8
July	320.0	326.1	+ 1.9	141.2	156.8	+ 11.0
August	218.9	335.7	+ 53.4	132.1	193.0	+ 46.1
September	255.1	424.9	+ 66.6	137.1	192.6	+ 40.6
October	252.6	310.3	+ 22.8	149.0	306.5	+105.7
November	405.5			211.7		
December	243.3			222.7		
Total	3,651.1			2,631.9		
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 4.2	(+ 7.7)		+ 18.2	(+ 19.8)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

(IX) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 38 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX
(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	116.4	115.0	117.0	117.0
February	115.6	114.7	118.4	118.8
March	115.3	116.6	118.9	117.3
April	115.8	119.5	122.5	122.8
May	114.7	119.3	121.1	122.6
June	115.8	116.8	118.8	119.5
July	117.3	115.8	117.7	116.7
August	118.0	115.8	119.6	116.9
September	117.6	116.3	118.5	118.5
October	117.6	116.8	119.8	
November	116.5	116.0	118.7	
December	116.4	115.8	117.6	

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 39 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	54.3	59.2	66.1	72.8
February	54.6	59.3	67.2	73.9
March	55.0	60.4	67.1	73.4
April	55.6	61.6	67.4	74.6
May	54.9	61.1	67.4	75.3
June	57.0	61.0	68.0	74.4
July	57.0	61.2	68.9	72.9
August	58.4	61.4	69.5	73.8
September	59.0	61.6	70.7	
October	59.1	62.2	71.2	
November	58.4	63.3	73.0	
December	58.9	64.3	73.7	

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.

Table 40 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	49.7	54.4	58.3	58.1
February	47.3	52.3	56.3	55.6
March	45.9	48.5	59.0	55.7
April	48.8	51.4	51.0	56.1
May	50.1	55.7	54.4	56.2
June	51.2	54.7	54.7	59.2
July	50.7	55.1	55.4	58.8
August	50.5	55.3	54.8	58.6
September	52.3	55.8	57.3	59.3
October	51.1	56.4	55.6	
November	53.9	58.3	56.5	
December	51.6	54.6	55.6	

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.